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COUPON INSERTING APPARATUS AND METHOD

described and claimed in the attached specification; that this application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in pending application Serial No. 08/736,474 filed on October 24, 1996.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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